



Cocoon Babies

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NOTE: This pattern uses an invisible increase and a 3-needle bind off. Follow the link for a photo tutorial on how to do this awesome increase and bind off. <http://techknitting.blogspot.com/2007/05/very-nearly-invisible-increase.html>
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ph93jwSzTao>

Skills Needed:

Knit

Knit 2 together

Slip, slip, knit

Invisible increase (see link above)

Supplies Needed:

Set of US 4 double pointed needles

Stitch marker

Tapestry needle

Poly-fil

Embroidery floss (optional: if you wish to put a face on the baby).

1 skein of worsted weight wool (pattern used Lion Brand Fisherman's Wool). One skein will yield MANY of these babies.

Abbreviations

K = knit

CO = cast on

BO = bind off

K2tog = Knit 2 together

SSK = Slip, slip, knit

Inc = Invisible increase

Sts = stitches

Gauge: not critical for this pattern. Smaller needles will yield a smaller cocoon and larger needles will yield a bigger cocoon. It will all depend on how big or small you wish the final product to be. If you wish to felt the cocoon, remember to make it about 1/3 bigger than your desired finished size as the felting will cause it to shrink.

Pattern:

CO 6 sts divided evenly among three needles. Join into the round being careful not to twist.

K one round.

Round 1: *k1, inc (invisible increase), k1* - repeat between ** to end of round. You should have 3 sts on each needle after this round. Place a marker on the first stitch during this round to denote the beginning of the round.

Round 2 and all even rounds: knit

Round 3: *k1, inc, k2* (4 sts on each needle)

Round 5: *k2, inc, k2* (5 sts on each needle)

Round 7: *k2, [inc, k1] two times, k2 (7 sts on each needle)

Round 8: Knit

Rounds 9-20: knit

Round 21: BO 7 sts, k to end of round (14 sts remain).

You will now be working back and forth in stocking stitch with these last 14 sts for 7 rows beginning and ending with a purl row. (I kept these on the 2 needles for convenience, as I did the 3-needle bind off at the end)

Next Row: The right side of the work should be facing you (start with a knit row). K1, k2tog, k to the last 3, ssk, k1. You should have 6 on each needle at this point.

Do one final purl row.

Bind off using the 3-needle bind off.